

will also require EPA to take a more deliberate and thoughtful look at how the agency might better cooperate with states and landowners to improve water quality rather than impose arbitrary standards and guidelines that will achieve uncertain outcomes.

We are also concerned about the workload impact on the conservation agencies that serve private landowners, such as the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and local conservation and resource conservation and development districts. Nor do we believe that EPA has adequately reviewed the technical and financial assistance that will be needed to assist landowners under the proposed rules.

Our bill will also underscore both the language and the intent of the Clean Water Act relative to the role of the EPA in managing nonpoint sources of pollution. We believe the law is clear that the EPA has no regulatory role in the management of nonpoint source pollutions. We also maintain the EPA has no authority to unilaterally change the definition of point source pollution to encompass nonpoint sources. The language of our legislation re-emphasizes these points and restricts the EPA from pursuing these unauthorized objectives in a regulatory proceeding.

To summarize, we support the objective of improving the quality of our nation's waters. However, we insist on achieving these objectives within the parameters of the law and using the best available information. The Water Pollution Program Improvement Act of 2000 is designed to help ensure that outcome. We urge our colleagues to support this important legislation.

COMMENDING ISRAEL'S REDE-
PLOYMENT FROM SOUTHERN
LEBANON

SPEECH OF

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2000

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for Israel's redeployment from Southern Lebanon.

Prime Minister Ehud Barak ensured Israel's compliance with the 1978 United Nations Security Council Resolution 425, which calls on Israel to withdraw its forces from all Lebanese territories. His commitment to redeploy Israeli forces by June 7, 2000 must also be commended.

Prime Minister Barak has shown remarkable leadership in Israel and in his commitment to advance peaceful negotiations with all of her neighbors; I am confident these steps will bring genuine peace to the Middle East. Prime Minister Barak's appeal to the Lebanese President, Emile Lahoud, to use the Israeli withdrawal from south Lebanon as a springboard for peace is a step in the right direction. As these countries move forward in their efforts, it is also extremely important that the American government work to encourage peace in the entire region.

For many years, I have been committed to moving forward to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict in the spirit of peace. I have stood with great conviction, alongside my constituents, many of whom have close ties, to urge a

peaceful resolution to conflicts in the Middle East.

Prime Minister Selim al-Hoss has assured the safety of residents in Southern Lebanon. Lebanon has been a victim of far too much blood shed in recent decades. It now stands in the midst of a crucial transition. Therefore, the physical security guaranteed by all parties must also ensure protection for religious freedom, political independence and liberty. Only under these conditions, will Southern Lebanon be able to fully redevelop its communities and provide its people with the ability to lead fruitful lives.

Again, I offer my support and encourage Prime Minister Barak and President Lahoud to continue on the path of peace and progress.

COMMENDING ISRAEL'S REDE-
PLOYMENT FROM SOUTHERN
LEBANON

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2000

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that the government of Israel has followed through on its commitment to withdraw its troops from Southern Lebanon.

This is a step that could end one of the most tragic episodes in the difficult recent history of the Middle East.

I commend the government of Prime Minister Ehud Barak for fulfilling its commitment to withdraw Israeli troops from Lebanon, and I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution.

I have always believed that all foreign forces should leave Lebanon.

We have seen what the cycle of violence has done to people of all faiths and backgrounds in Lebanon and throughout the Middle East. And while it is important to reflect on the past, we must also move forward.

Today, I join with the many voices which are renewing the call for peace. Those who want to perpetuate the violence will try to stand in our way but we can't let that happen.

We must stand together and demand that all the parties work for peace, seek justice, and forsake violence. That is our only option. Let that be our task in the days ahead.

Step by step, over time, the withdrawal of troops and other measures will build tolerance and mutual respect, so that differences are settled not with guns, but with compassion and understanding.

Mr. Speaker, we must all learn to not let our differences stand in the way of joining together for a common purpose. I believe that if all parties work together in good faith peace can be achieved.

PRAISING EFFORTS OF MANUEL
STAMATAKIS

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join with the Cradle of Liberty

Council Boy Scouts of America in saluting Mr. Manuel N. Stamatakis as the recipient of this year's Scout Mariner Award.

Mr. Stamatakis—in addition to being a close, personal friend—is president and chief executive officer of Capital Management Enterprises, a financial service and communications conglomerate headquartered in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Mr. Stamatakis has made community service and partnerships a hallmark of his life's work. He has been and continues to be a shining example of a person of action and integrity. Manuel N. Stamatakis certainly fits the criteria of a "Scout Mariner."

The "Scout Mariner Award" is presented to one who exemplifies in his daily life the ideals of the Boy Scouts of America as expressed in the scout oath and law. The recipients are chosen by their peers for outstanding community service as evidenced by the interest and leadership given to many worthwhile organizations, as well as the respect and esteem in which they are held by their colleagues.

Mr. Stamatakis is also the Chairman of the Delaware River Port Authority. It is interesting to note that the "Scout Mariner Award" is symbolized by a Norman Rockwell painting of a seaman talking to scouts, entitled "Tales of Many Lands." Since 1998 Mr. Stamatakis chairs the Team Pennsylvania Ambassador Program—a network of business, cultural and academic leaders working to expand domestic and international business in Pennsylvania. As chairman, Mr. Stamatakis was particularly well suited to this role as he has traveled throughout the world to promote trade within the Commonwealth. In the past two years alone, he has visited Brazil, Germany, China, Finland, Russia and Japan.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Manuel N. Stamatakis and those like him who take the time to give back to their communities more than they take for themselves. Scouting is a positive force in our area and thousands of youth benefit from the program and the involvement of distinguished business leaders such as Mr. Stamatakis who have gone above and beyond the Boy Scout protocol. I ask all of my colleagues in Congress to please join me in honoring Mr. Manuel N. Stamatakis for his commitment to community service and our youth.

IN HONOR OF BONEAL, INC.—RE-
CIPIENT OF THE 2000 UNITED
STATES POSTAL SERVICE QUAL-
ITY SUPPLIER AWARD

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Mr. ROGERS. Mr. Speaker, too often, when we think of American manufacturing, images of industrial giants come to mind. We think of huge machinery housed in cavernous factories, men stoking enormous furnaces in an environment of hard hats, rivets and lunchtime whistles.

This image is, in large part, a vision of the past. We still make steel, iron, and heavy machinery. But today's manufacturing is also about men and women in casual attire and rather quiet workstations as they inspect computer boards and assemble complex yet compact circuitry. And, contrary to popular perception, most of the things that are made in

America are made in small and mid-sized companies.

Historically, small businesses have been the wellspring of creativity in our society. From the Wright brothers to Bill Gates, some of our most successful manufacturers have started out in a garage with little more than a dream. Inventions that have changed our lives, from that first voyage in flight to the high-speed microprocessors of today, have been developed in small firms. These companies provide the backbone of the manufacturing sector.

Today, I rise to honor one such small business company and its success in providing contract-manufacturing services that include design, completed high-tech assemblies, sub-assemblies, testing, and more. The U.S. Postal Service has recognized Boneal, Inc., of Means, KY, with the 2000 Quality Supplier Award for its distinguished performance as a specialized small business manufacturer.

Boneal Incorporated, first established in Corbin, KY, in 1980, is a womanowned small business that prides itself in offering "solutions to your most challenging manufacturing needs." Boneal Inc., in its efforts to provide fast and seamless manufacturing, accepts projects from any point in the manufacturing process, ranging from small projects that require hand assembly of consigned components to large projects that require capital investment, equipment design, and product distribution.

And so today, I join the U.S. Postal Service, the community of Means, KY, and small companies throughout the United States in congratulating Boneal, Inc., for its selection to receive this distinguished award. I also recognize its outstanding contribution to American manufacturing.

CONCERNING THE 13 IRANIAN JEWS CURRENTLY ON TRIAL IN THAT COUNTRY

HON. DEBBIE STABENOW

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. Speaker, I rise to voice my grave concern over the ongoing trial in Iran of 13 Iranian Jews on questionable charges of spying. The world should know that we are watching this case closely. If Iran truly wants to join the community of nations it should ensure an open and fair trial. The Jews facing trial in Iran have been held without due process for over one year. The Clinton administration has rightly put Iran on notice that we are watching these proceedings closely and we will hold the Iranian regime responsible for their actions.

Mr. Speaker, we are seeing reports in the press that describe the social isolation of many in Iran's 25,000-strong Jewish community in the wake of this trial. Several shops owned by Iranian Jews have reportedly been attacked in Tehran. Other reports out of Iran claim that school children are treating Jewish classmates with contempt, and some adults have stopped going to work out of fear or shame. There was some hope that the overwhelming election of President Khatemi would mean a more moderate Iranian government, but so far this has not been the case. The regime's record of closing 19 newspapers over

the last month is another reminder of the failure of Iran's ruling class in this regard. There is no better way to regain this promise than to ensure freedom and justice for the 13 Iranian Jews on trial in Shiraz. We here in the U.S. and around the world must be vigilant in pressing for this outcome.

A TRIBUTE TO JANE SMITH

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, the most important and valuable resource we have in this country is our children. Providing a safe environment to grow and learn has always been this country's number one priority. Today, I rise to recognize Jane Smith of Bay City, Michigan, a wonderful woman who has dedicated her life to protecting and nurturing children. She is retiring from the Bay County Family Independence Agency after 24 years of service.

A graduate of Michigan State University, Jane began her renowned career as a child care worker in Saginaw, Michigan. Assisting families with their child care needs and making home calls to help families with their physical and emotional needs was natural for her and laid the foundation for what would become a distinguished professional career dedicated to protecting children who were being physically abused.

After working in both Genesee and Wayne County as a foster care worker, Jane transferred to the Bay County Department, as a Children's Protective Services worker. It was here, in Bay County, where her contributions and efforts on behalf of Michigan's children and families are legendary. Her tireless efforts investigating cases of child sexual abuse undoubtedly saved thousands of children from being further victims of violence and abuse. She established the procedures for what has become the Bay County Child Sexual Abuse Procedural Manual. She has worked closely with Lutheran Child and Family Services to develop child sexual abuse counseling and the Parents United Program. She enjoys an excellent relationship with school administrators, the Courts in Bay County, area police departments and the Prosecutor's office. Among her peers, Jane is often solicited for her expert opinion and suggestions for handling sensitive cases.

Mr. Speaker, I have seen first-hand Jane's selfless efforts on behalf of Michigan's children. As a member of the State Senate, I worked closely with Jane to author an amendment to the Child Abuse law, that makes it mandatory for Children's Protective Services workers to notify the police of all cases relating to child sexual abuse. Her expansive knowledge, testimony in front of the committee and constant advocacy were key to the amendment being passed by the House and Senate and signed into law by the Governor James Blanchard on December 27, 1984.

Mr. Speaker, I invite you and my colleagues to join with me in congratulating Jane Smith on the occasion of her retirement from the Bay County Family Independent Agency and thanking her for her years of exemplary service to the community, especially the children

of Bay County. She has truly been an advocate for those who could not speak up for themselves. Our community is certainly a better place because of Jane's hard work. I wish her well and hope that the days ahead are filled with the good fruits of a well deserved retirement.

A TRIBUTE TO CALVIN BROCK, MEMBER OF THE SUMMER 2000 UNITED STATES OLYMPIC BOX- ING TEAM SUPER HEAVYWEIGHT CATEGORY

HON. EVA M. CLAYTON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of America's finest, twenty-five year old Calvin Brock, member of the Summer 2000 United States Olympic Boxing Team. Over the years, Mr. Speaker, Calvin has shown remarkable progress in his determination to get to the point for which he will be honored by local officials, family and friends on Sunday, May 28, 2000 at Clem's Grand Ballroom in Weldon, North Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, Calvin began his boxing career at age 12. He was defeated his first six matches and as a result, was told by many that he should choose another sport because it was unlikely that he would excel in boxing. Mr. Speaker, this kind of story, which in no way is a fairy tale, but is true to life, tells us a lot about Calvin's dedication, determination and commitment.

There has been a lot of talk in my office about Calvin Brock, Mr. Speaker, but what impresses me most is what is said about his relationship with God. The combination of Calvin's faith in God and his persistence will go the length in ensuring his return from Sidney Australia with an Olympic Gold Medal.

Mr. Speaker, Calvin has certainly invested a tremendous amount of time and has made many sacrifices over the years preparing himself for the Olympics. Among the major tournaments, Calvin has won are the: 1993 National Junior Championships while ages 16 through 18; National Police Athletic League Championships in 1993, 1996, and 1998; Eastern Trials that qualified him to compete in the 1996 Olympic Trials for the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, Georgia, however, at that time, Calvin was defeated in the Semi-finals of the 1996 Trials; 1998 National Golden Gloves Champion at heavyweight division 201 pounds; Silver Medalist in 1997 at Heavyweight Division; ranked number two in 1998 at the National U.S. Championship; 1999 National U.S. Champion at super heavyweight division, 201 plus category where he ranked number one in the country; 1999 U.S. Challenge Champion at super heavyweight which qualified Calvin for the 2000 Olympic Trials, a tournament in which only eight boxers in each of the 12 weight classes qualify to compete; 2000 U.S. Olympic Trials Champion at super heavyweight where Calvin won 3 consecutive matches to become champion; the Olympic Trials win qualified Calvin for the Olympic Box-offs; 2000 U.S. Olympic Box-off Champion; this box-off win qualified Calvin to participate on the 2000 U.S. Olympic Boxing Team. This championship was televised on NBC. Calvin is